

has played host to many distinguished figures throughout the years, including Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, and Edwin Booth.

Today, the 650-seat auditorium is an official Michigan historic site and has been restored to its original 19th century splendor.

The Crosswell is a gem within our community that continues to maintain its reputation as the epicenter for the arts in southeastern Michigan.

Please join with me today in honoring all of those involved in the theater's fine tradition of excellence as we celebrate their 150th year anniversary.

REJECTING RACISM

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, this week, we have seen a very clear difference between our two parties. I would remind my colleagues that this is the year 2016. It is not 1916. It is not 1816.

We, as a Nation, have come so far. But there was a time when I, as a woman, would not have been allowed to vote, let alone speak on the floor of this Chamber.

There was a time when our friends on the Congressional Black Caucus or our friends in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, also, would not have been welcomed right here. You know what, we are better than that.

We know that the diversity of our Nation makes us greater. So whenever racism rears its ugly head, all of us, Democrats and Republicans, have an obligation to reject it.

Mr. Speaker, I have been very disturbed to see so many of my Republican colleagues trying to tiptoe around the offensive behavior of the new leader of their party, Donald Trump.

I urge all of my colleagues to do the right thing and reject racist policies without any ifs, ands, or buts.

RECOGNIZING ILLINOIS' 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the impressive individuals who will be representing Illinois' 18th Congressional District at three of the most prestigious academic institutions in our Nation, our U.S. service academies.

Earlier this year, I nominated 22 individuals from my district, and seven of them have been accepted and will begin their service at the Air Force Academy, West Point, and the Naval Academy this summer.

I was privileged to meet with these young men and women in my district last Friday, and the talent among these seven is indeed inspiring and di-

verse. These cadets and midshipmen are not only at the top of their class in academic achievements, but they also excel in extracurricular activities. We have a State wrestling champion, a hockey player who will be playing for the Air Force Academy, and a competitive golfer who will be playing at the Naval Academy.

Most importantly, I was struck by their earnest commitment to serving our country. Many of these students come from families with a legacy of military service. We even have an aspiring Navy Seal and a JAG attorney in this group.

I want to congratulate Randy Menyweather, II, Matthew Helmich, Faith Kim, Trevor Stone, Eric Betts, August Will, and Morgan Riley.

Thank you to these students for their commitment to our country, and to their families for raising them, and to those in our Illinois communities who have helped them reach this accomplishment. I wish them much success.

CELEBRATING DR. ALLAN WOLFSON

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a dear friend and mentor of mine, Dr. Allan Wolfson, program director of the emergency medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh, for his retirement.

Abby trained me in emergency medicine, which has benefited thousands of patients I have cared for. He is the longest active serving residency program director in emergency medicine. Among his over 360 trainees are several deans of medical schools and chairs of departments of emergency medicine.

He is so good and well-respected by his peers that he has been recognized and honored by many prestigious organizations. He received the National Emergency Medicine Residents Association Residency Director of the Year award in 2012. He even wrote the premier textbook of emergency medicine.

He loves to teach, loves to mentor, loves emergency medicine, loves his residents, and loves to have a good time. Abby, you know what I mean.

You trained me to be an advocate for my patients. I carry that can-do, problem-solving, patients-first advocacy with me now in Congress. First and foremost and always an emergency physician.

Abby, congratulations and thank you.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, we are in the midst of hurricane season. My constituents and all Americans in coastal regions are susceptible to these devastating storms.

Disasters can strike at any time, often with little warning. Just days ago, my district was hit by Tropical Storm Colin. The winds and heavy rains were intense, causing dangerous flooding. It is important that we have a plan in place.

We must all be prepared with supply kits filled with potential lifesaving items, like flashlights, radios, and batteries. It is also crucial to follow local weather forecasts and heed any emergency warnings.

The best way to guarantee safety is thorough preparation. My Web site at Bilirakis.house.gov as well as FEMA.gov both have important resources available to you.

This year, be sure you are ready and safe.

POVERTY

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, nearly 47 million people are living in poverty in the United States. That is about 10 times the total population of Los Angeles. And, Mr. Speaker, no matter how hard these families work and no matter how much these families save, they are still not able to get ahead.

These families struggle to feed themselves and their children. They struggle to save for a home. They struggle to live the American Dream that we all yearn for, and that is unacceptable.

That is why I support expanding programs, which I believe help and provide a social safety net. Essential programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and the Free and Reduced Lunch Program serve specific community needs.

Mr. Speaker, we need to bring legislation to the floor that will help families, help families to help themselves get ahead, proven programs. Let's not condense or cut them. Let's work on legislation to help these families.

OZONE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 4775, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act. Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA has used the National Ambient Air Quality Standards to impose costly and burdensome regulations on American manufacturers and the American people.

By the EPA choosing to lower the NAAQ Standards further, many businesses will suffer while still struggling to meet the original standard. American businesses have already spent billions of dollars and years of planning to meet the 75 parts per billion original